

Frank thanked him with a deep sigh; he then, grasping his hand in the most affectionate manner, replied, "I cannot find words, my dear brother, to thank you as I wish to do; however, I know you will be satisfied with my imperfect acknowledgements—As to your request relating to my son, I am willing to comply with it, though I shall severely feel his separation from me, because I am sure he will be happily situated under your inspection: but I cannot tear myself from a spot, melancholy as it is, to which I have been so long accustomed."

John made several attempts to draw his brother from a place, which would perpetually raise the most painful reflections in his mind; but seeing him inflexible, he took leave of him on the day appointed for his departure, strongly assuring him, that he would pay the strictest attention to remittances, and that Harry should be his son by adoption.

On his arrival in London, John was received by his friend with open arms, and every thing relating to their partnership was very soon adjusted to their reciprocal satisfaction.

For about two years Harry behaved very well in his new situation, which gave his uncle the greatest satisfaction, but this was not to last, for by endeavouring to keep company with those who were his superiors, it

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proved, as the sequel will shew, ruin.

Harry, by contracting an intimacy with one of the clerks, a young fellow of a dissipated family, and highly connected, but whose talents were misplaced by his relations, having no talents nor taste for the employment he was put out for him, acquired the same share of the business which fell to his share. By the description Charles Lumley, who was one of the spirited scenes in which he was engaged, as he had a genteel allowance from his father for his pocket expences, Harry was more sensible of his pecuniary want. He was distressed with corroding anxiety, for his income was not sufficient to enable him to enjoy the pleasures of the age. Extremely confined to his desk, and not suffered to go often for diversion, seldom unattended by his friend, he grew heartily tired of his pen and ink, and longed for an opportunity to indulge in his favourite passions without controul.

Inflamed with this desire, he threw off all restraint, and launched at once into the gaming world with his new acquaintance, who supplied him with cash as far as his pocket would permit, and when that was gone, he turned to the gaming table for both resource and amusement.

His uncle, who with the greatest anxiety beheld this change in his conduct, often remonstrated with him upon it.

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